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JULY 9 PRESS CONFERENCE

1. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF FONMIN CORTINA'S PRESS
CONFERENCE JULY 9 FOLLOWING SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE AND
SIGNING OF JOINT DECLARATION:

2. REGARDING POINT SIX OF DECLARATION PERTAINING TO
COORDINATION WITH DEFENSE SYSTEMS OF OTHER COUNTRIES OF
NATO, CORTINA SAID THAT ATLANTIC PACT DID NOT COVER WHOLE
REGION, THEREFORE IN ORDER THAT THERE BE STRATEGIC UNITY,
AN APPROPRIATE RELATIONSHIP MUST BE ESTABLISHED. THERE
HAD DEVELOPED AN INTERDEPENDENCE, SINCE WITHOUT IT THIS
UNITY COULD NOT EXIST. DECLARATION HAD BEEN MADE ON
LEVEL OF EQUALITY, SINCE SPAIN DECIEED FREELY TO
ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH ANOTHER COUNTRY. AS IN ANY
AGREEMENT OBLIGATIONS INCURRED WERE LIMITATIONS, BUT
ACCEPTABLE ONES. WAS "GAME OF GIVE AND TAKE."

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RELATIONS WITH U.S. PROVIDED SPAIN SECURITY THAT IT

WOULD NOT OTHERWISE HAVE. BY HAPPENSTANCE SPAIN WAS
PART OF WEST AND THEREFOREE EFFECTIVELY UNDER U.S.
PROTECTIVE UMBRELLA.

3. REGARDING SPAIN'S ENTRY INTO NATO, CORTINA SAID
THAT SPAIN HAD NEVER REQUESTED IT. THIS DID NOT
PRESENT SECRETARY KISSINGER FROM EMPHASIZING TO MEMBERS
OF THE ORGANIZATION SPAIN'S ROLE IN MAINTENANCE OF
PEACE IN EUROPE AND IN ATLANTIC AREA, REMINDING THEM
THAT AT SOME POINT SPAIN WOULD HAVE TO BECOME MEMBER.

4. CORTINA SAID QUESTION OF ABASES HAD NOT BEEN
TOUCHED ON AT THIS TIME, NOR RENEWAL OF BASES AGREEMENT.
DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES WOULD SERVE AS GUIDELINE FOR
FUTURE COOPERATION. MUCH HAD BEEN MADE OF BASES BECAUSE
ISSUE BEGAN DURING COLD WAR. TODAY AS LONG AS THERE
WAS STILL NO GENERAL AND CONTROLLED DISARMAMENT THERE
WAS POTENTIAL FOR CONFRONTATION. "IN CONCLUSION, WHAT
WE ARE DOING IS PROTECTING OUR SECURITY."
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